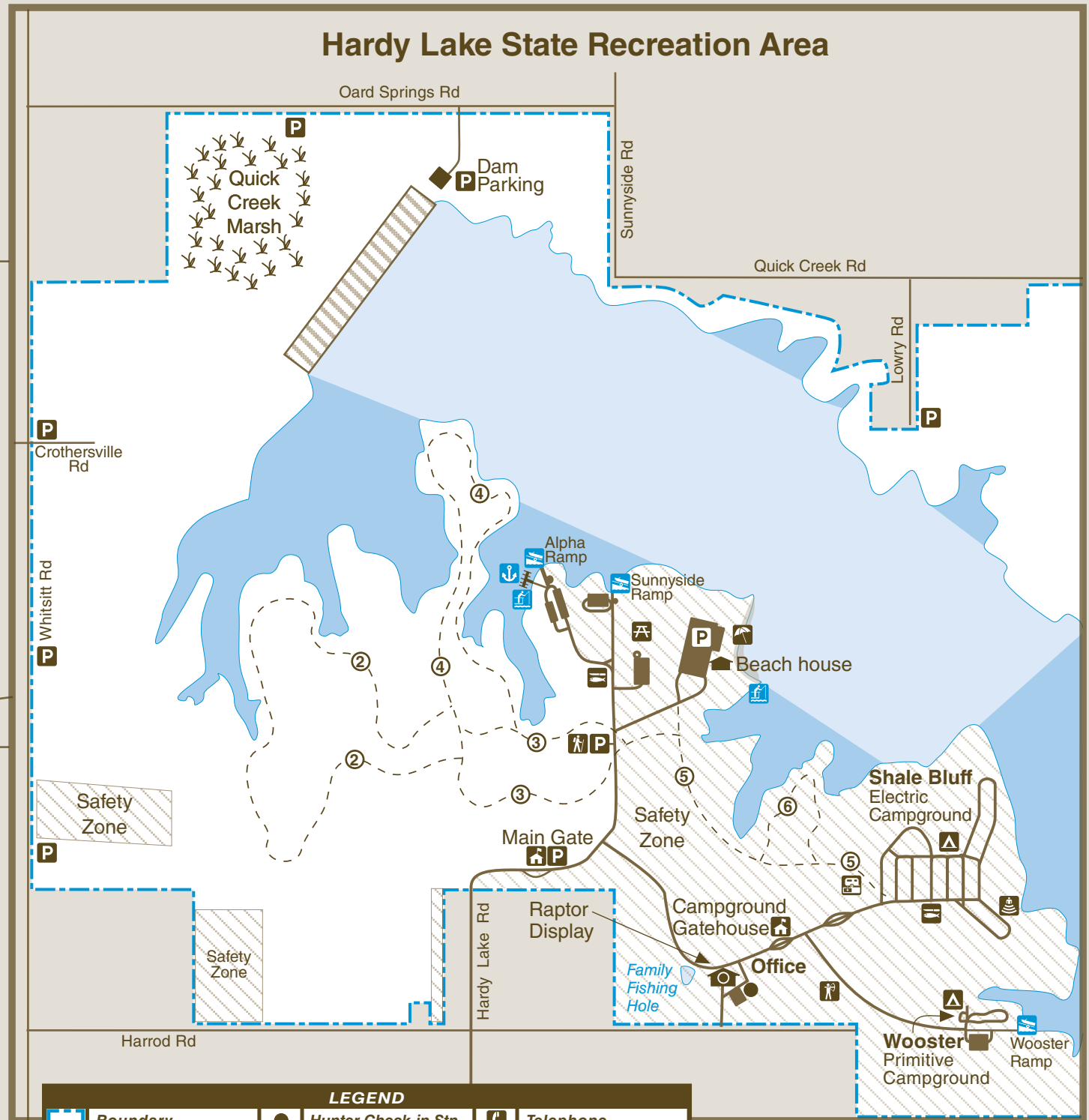
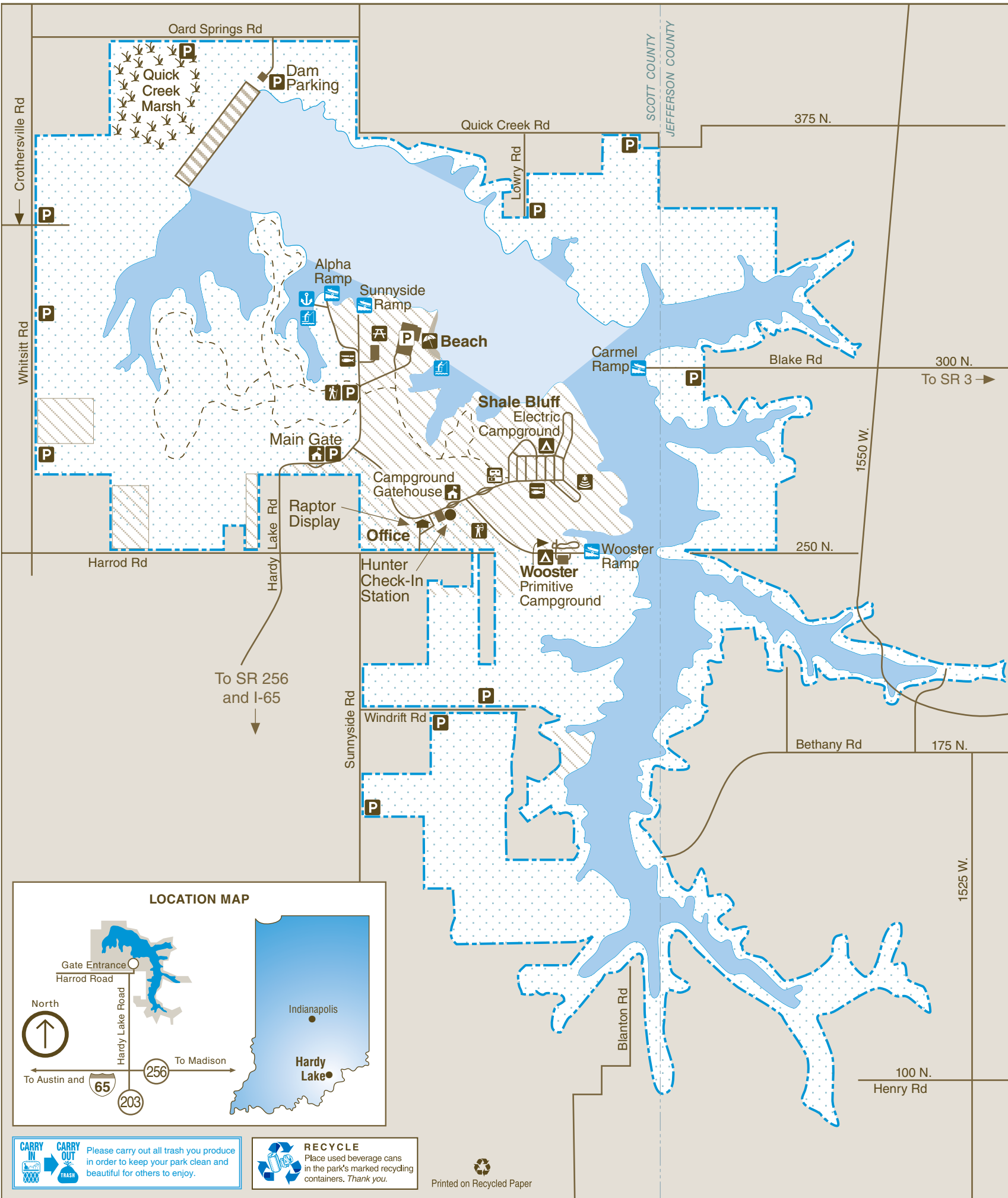


# HARDY LAKE

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2,449 acres - 741-acre lake      Established 1973  
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**LEGEND**

	<b>Boundary</b>		<b>Hunter Check-in Stn.</b>		<b>Telephone</b>
	<b>Road</b>		<b>Parking</b>		<b>Archery Range</b>
	<b>Hiking Trail</b>		<b>Campground</b>		<b>Beach</b>
	<b>State Rec Area</b>		<b>Boat Launch</b>		<b>Marina</b>
	<b>Marsh</b>		<b>Fishing Pier</b>		<b>Picnic Area</b>
	<b>Safety Zone</b>		<b>Fish Cleaning Stn.</b>		<b>Trailhead</b>
	<b>Water</b>		<b>Dumping Station</b>		
	<b>Idle Zone</b>		<b>Amphitheater</b>		

**TRAIL TABLE**

TRAIL	MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE
2 Outward Bound	2.05	Moderate
3 Cemetery	.77	Easy
4 Island	1.91	Moderate
5 Honeysuckle	.64	Moderate
6 Lakeside	.52	Moderate

**CARRY IN CARRY OUT**  
Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy.

**RECYCLE**  
Place used beverage cans in the park's marked recycling containers. Thank you.

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Heading in the other directions, you'll find Starve Hollow SRA and Jackson-Washington State Forest to the west, and Clark State Forest to the southwest.

## DAM

Type:	Earth fill
Maximum height:	52 feet
Length:	376 feet
Base width:	340 feet maximum
Drainage area above dam:	12 square miles

## OPERATING LEVELS

Elevation Area	(Feet mean sea level)	(Acres)
Normal Pool:	600	741
Flood Pool:	605	876

## THIS IS YOUR LAKE

Visitors shall observe the rules, which are designed to fulfill the purposes for which the state operates reservoir properties, namely, to manage these areas for the enhancement of wildlife and for the public's use and enjoyment.

## DNR PROPERTIES NEARBY

- **Jackson-Washington State Forest**—Archery, boating, boat ramps, bridle trails, camping, fishing, fishing pier, hiking trails, historic features, seasonal interpretive service, hunting, mountain biking, picnic/play/sport area
- **Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area**—wildlife viewing, fishing, ice fishing, hunting, trapping, shooting and archery range, dog training area, boating
- **Starve Hollow SRA**—hike, bike, picnic area, playground, interpretive center, fishing, swimming, boating, boat/kayak rentals, camping, rent-a-camp cabins, campstore

Pick up an Indiana Recreation Guide for more information.

## ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**BEACH**—Swimming is available at the unguarded beach during posted hours from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A modern beach house provides showers, dressing benches, restrooms and vending machines.

**BOAT RAMPS**—Four launch ramps are located at various points around the lake. Two major ramps are located within the recreation area near Alpha marina.

**CAMPING**—Shale Bluff campground offers 149 Electric sites with asphalt-surfaced roads and gravel pads, electric hookups, water fountains, flush toilets, hot water and showers. A trailer dump station serves the campground. Occupancy is limited to 14 consecutive nights. Wooster campground primarily serves anglers and primitive campers, and offers 12 Primitive sites. Water and one pit toilet are available in the immediate area. A launch ramp is located adjacent to the campground. Campers are permitted to moor their boats overnight in Wooster Bay. Reservations for all types camping are available through the Central Reservation System.

**FISHING**—Plenty of good fishing available for bluegill, catfish, crappie, largemouth bass and tiger muskie. Fish-cleaning stations are available.

**FISHING PIER**—There are two fishing piers, one located south of Alpha marina and the other, south of the swimming beach.

**HUNTING**—Hunting of all wildlife species is permitted within Indiana hunting regulations. Waterfowl, squirrels, turkeys and deer are the most abundant, however, quail, snipe, woodcock, rabbit, fox, and raccoons also are found on the property. All hunters are required to check in at the Hunter check-in station located at the park office before hunting.

**INTERPRETIVE & RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS**—Explore the world of natural resources while enjoying interpretive and recreational programs. Program schedules are at [InterpretiveServices.IN.gov](http://InterpretiveServices.IN.gov) or (812) 794-3800.

**MARINA**—Located at the Alpha launch ramp. Seasonal mooring is available for boats in open dock slips. Additional services include on-water fuel and modern restrooms.

**PICNIC AREAS**—Most areas contain accessible picnic sites, picnic tables, grills, toilet facilities and shelters. Some areas have horseshoe pits.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- No person shall conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on a reservoir property administered by the Division of State Parks, except under a license.
- No person shall launch, dock, or moor a watercraft or other floating device, except for approved periods and at sites designated by the department for those purposes. No person shall leave watercraft unattended in a courtesy dock.
- Any firearm, including a handgun, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow, or paint gun must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked in a vehicle except in accordance with the terms of a one-day hunting permit and record card obtained from a hunter sign-in station and possessed by the person in the field for a specified date.
- A person who possesses a pet must attend it at all times and keep the animal caged or on a leash no more than 6 feet long.
- Vending or advertising without permission of the DNR is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in designated places.
- Comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day-use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists shall observe posted speed limits and park only in designated areas (25 mph maximum).
- No person shall possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a swimming beach.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the property office.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

For a complete list of rules and regulations, inquire at property office.

## CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEM



Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forests can be made online or by calling toll-free.

Call: **1-866-6campIN** (1-866-622-6746)  
Online: [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov)

Reservations for the Indiana State Park Inns and Inn-operated cabins can be made online or by phone.

Call: **1-877-lodges1** (1-877-563-4371)  
Online: [IndianalInns.com](http://IndianalInns.com)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



Write: Hardy Lake  
4171 E. Harrod Rd.  
Scottsburg, IN 47170-8438

Call: 812-794-3800

Online: [on.IN.gov/hardylake](http://on.IN.gov/hardylake)

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## SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the lake. List of fees available in the lake office.



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## DESCRIPTION OF HIKING TRAILS

TRAIL & DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY
<b>2. Outward Bound</b>	2.05 miles	Moderate

This trail takes you into a typical stand of Indiana hardwood trees. You will see both an oak-hickory and a beech-maple climax forest. This trail will also allow you to view some of the beautiful backwaters of Hardy Lake.

<b>3. Cemetery Trail</b>	.77 mile	Easy
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This trail takes you through an oak-hickory climax forest. The McClain Cemetery is a major point of interest on this trail. This family cemetery has headstones dating to the 1700s.

<b>4. Island Trail</b>	1.91 miles	Easy
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This trail branches off of either the Cemetery Loop or the Outward Bound Loop. Points of interest include beaver cuttings along the shoreline, wildlife food plots, and several areas along the island that overlook the lake.

<b>5. Honeysuckle Trail</b>	.64 miles	Moderate
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This trail connects Shale Bluff campground with the beach. Passing through different stages of succession, you will be able to see a managed pine grove, cedar thickets and tulip poplar trees, as well as a mature forest.

<b>6. Lakeside Trail</b>	.52 miles	Easy
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This loop presents a beautiful view of Hardy Lake. Several bird nesting structures are located along this trail. This is also a great trail to hike at night to see fireflies and foxfire, and hear an owl hooting.

## PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS.

## Please let wild animals remain wild.

Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals who depend on handouts become a nuisance to visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll up car windows tightly.

## DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources



Situated in scenic southeastern Indiana, Hardy Lake is the smallest state-operated reservoir but has Indiana's largest state-owned dam. Located in Scott and Jefferson counties, the lake is accessible from State Roads 256 and 3. The dam was constructed on Quick's Creek in 1970 for water supply and outdoor recreation. Hardy Lake was constructed in accordance with a long-range program developed by the Stucker Fork Conservancy District of Scott County to provide water for the surrounding community.

The property's total acreage is 2,449, including water surface area of 741 acres. Unlike most reservoirs, a stable pool elevation is maintained throughout the year. Hardy Lake is owned and operated by the Indiana DNR.

Surrounding areas also offer plenty of outdoor activities. Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge is located to the north, Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area to the northeast and Clifty Falls State Park to the east.

For a list of park events, visit [interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://interpretiveservices.IN.gov)